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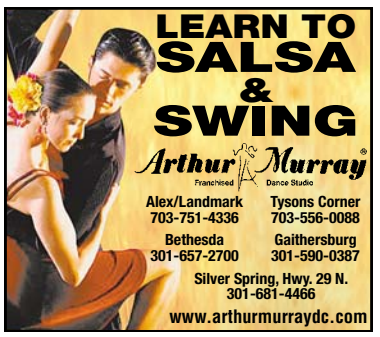

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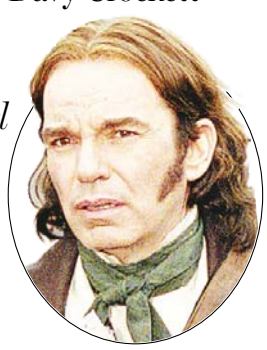

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MURAD SEZER/AP

DUG IN: U.S. Marines stand guard at a railway on the outskirts of the Iraqi city of Fallujah on Tuesday, as other troops drove into the heart of the city. U.S. ground forces and warplanes engaged in heavy fighting in a promised assault after the grisly deaths of four American civilians in Fallujah last week.

Fighting Surges Across Iraq

At least 12 troops killed as battles rage in Ramadi, Fallujah

NAJAF, IRAQ | Insurgents and rebellious Shiites mounted attacks across Iraq's south and U.S. Marines launched a major assault on the turbulent city of Fallujah on Tuesday. Up to a dozen Marines, two more coalition soldiers and at least 66 Iraqis were reported killed.

Reports from the city of Ramadi, near Fallujah, said dozens of Sunni Iraqis attacked a Marine position near the governor's palace, a senior defense official said from Washington. "A significant number" of Marines were killed, and initial reports indicate it may be up to a dozen, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. authorities also launched a crackdown on radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia after a series of weekend uprisings in Baghdad and cities and towns to the south that took a heavy toll in both American and Iraqi lives. The fighting marks the first major outbreak of violence between the U.S.-led occupation force and the Shiites since the fall of Baghdad.

Two more coalition soldiers — an American in Baghdad and a Ukrainian in Kut — were killed in fighting. The deaths brought the three-day total to up to about 30 Americans and 136 Iraqis killed in the worst fighting since the war that toppled Saddam Hussein.

With fighting intensifying ahead of the June 30 handover of power to an Iraqi government, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said American commanders would get additional troops if needed. No such request has been made, he said. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: An ABC News poll in February found that only 1% of Iraqis named Muqtada al-Sadr, the Shiite cleric at the center of the unrest, as the national leader they trusted most. (L.A. TIMES)

✣ **Urban warfare:** U.S. Marines push far inside Fallujah, but some get pinned down by enemy fire | Page 5

CRIME | **Diamonds Are a Girl's ... Dinner** A woman in Clearwater, Fla., pleaded guilty to swallowing a 1.5-carat diamond ring at a jewelry store and will serve one year of probation. Mary Denise Flowers, 38, swallowed the ring at Littman Jewelers

in December. A surveillance camera caught the act. The ring was later recovered in a jailhouse commode, and will be sent to Littman Jewelers' corporate headquarters in Oregon to be melted down, the Tampa Tribune reports. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

TM WIMMER/REUTERS

TREATS

Vice Cream

Community groups in Australia got heated up last weekend over a chilly new snack that tastes like booze. Geoff Munro, director of the Community Alcohol Action Network, told the Australian Associated Press that vodka-flavored Illicit Vodka Cranberry Magnum ice creams introduce "children to the taste of alcohol at potentially a very early age." David McNeil of Streets, the company that makes the ice cream, says the product — which contains no alcohol — is marketed only to adults, Reuters reports. The ice cream worries come on the heels of another Australian snack skirmish — over liquor-laced biscuits. (EXPRESS)

SCARY

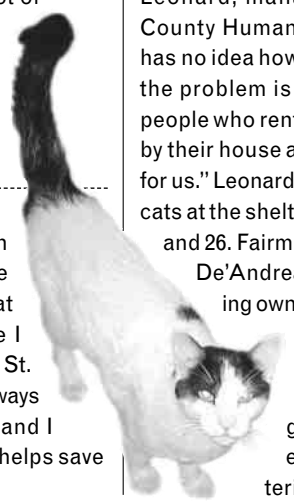
Wile E. Coyote Strikes Again?

Police in San Juan, Texas, said Monday they have no idea who is responsible for at least 29 sticks of dynamite found strewn along roadsides. No one has been injured, but one elderly man who had found some sticks told police he nearly put one on the stove as sausage. He told police he had taken others to the station but forgot one, and when he reached for sausage while cooking, he instead picked up the dynamite. "That's a lot of sticks to be thrown around our city," Police Sgt. Rey Casarez said. "We haven't been able to find more, but you never know." (AP)

DONORS

In Bleeding, He Leads

At a time when blood donations are down, the American Red Cross is especially pleased with a St. Louis man. Maurice Wood, 77, holds a pair of records in the Guinness Book of World Records for giving blood. He has been donating for 54 years, longer than anyone else in the world, and has made 301 donations during that span. "I come because I like the idea," he told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "I always have. ... It is easy to do, and I know that somewhere, it helps save somebody's life." (AP)



ANIMAL WATCH

Too Many Cats

Marion County, W.Va., apparently is being overrun by stray cats. Brenda Leonard, manager of the Marion County Humane Society, said she has no idea how many there are, but the problem is so bad that "I have people who rent cat cages, set them by their house and try to catch them for us." Leonard said they received 28 cats at the shelter between March 11 and 26. Fairmont Council member De'Andrea Bussey is proposing owners register their cats and get a license, like dog owners do. The registration fee would go to the humane society's spaying and neutering program. (AP)

RELIGION

So Sayeth The Drunkards

According to the Bible, the first 10 commandments were written by the finger of God and handed to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Now the 11th commandment has been sent to the Methodist Church in Britain — by text message from a pub. The church announced the new commandment — "Thou shalt not worship false pop idols" — on Tuesday after holding a contest in the country's pubs that was aimed at sparking an ethical debate among young people. Other suggestions included "Thou shalt not be negative," and "Thou shalt not dance like your dad." (AP)

Nation

In Brief

TYLER, TEXAS

Mother Sent to Mental Facility for Stoning Deaths

A mother acquitted by reason of insanity for beating two of her sons to death with rocks was committed to a maximum-security state mental hospital Tuesday. She will be examined, after which a judge may order her to stay there, prescribe outpatient treatment or release her. Laney bashed her sons' skulls with heavy rocks, killing two of them, ages 6 and 8, and severely injuring the third boy, now 2. (AP)

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

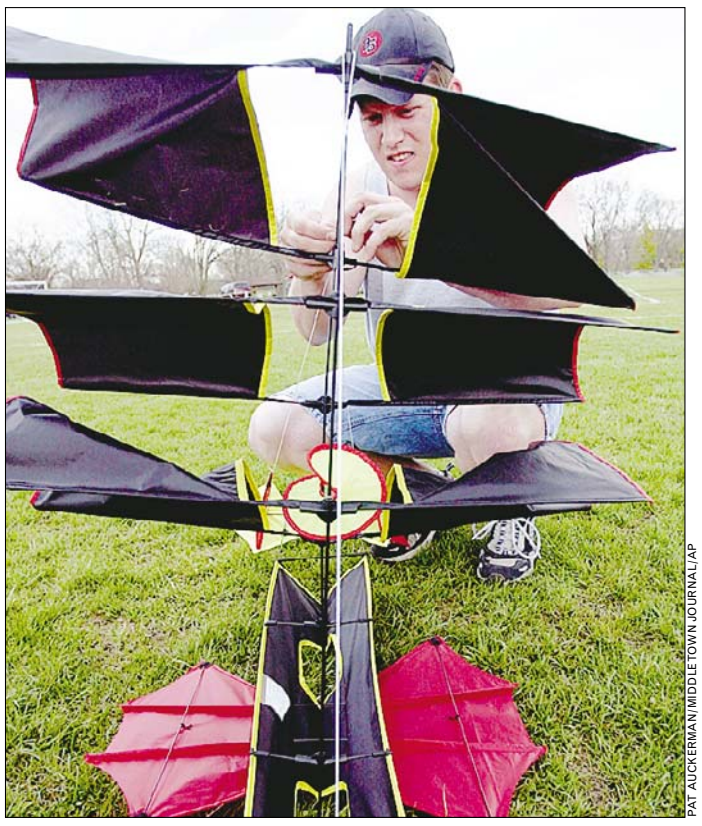
School Bus Crash Injures 37

Five school buses carrying 170 eighth-graders on a field trip crashed into each other Tuesday on a highway on-ramp, and 37 children and adults suffered minor injuries, authorities said. The accident occurred when the first bus in the group slowed as it merged into traffic, police spokesman Joe Cecile said "It was an accordion reaction," Cecile said. (AP)

DENNIS NETT/THE POST STANDARD/AP

Rescue workers remove a student from a crashed school bus to a waiting ambulance in Syracuse, N.Y., on Tuesday.

SPRING WEATHER | COME SAIL AWAY



PAT AUCKERMAN/MIDDLETOWN JOURNAL/AP

GO FLY A KITE: Robert Abbott makes some adjustments before making another attempt to get his boat-shaped kite airborne during a trip to Smith Park in Middletown, Ohio, on Tuesday. He had only light winds to work with, but enjoyed some sunshine and temperatures in the 60s.

Government Mulls Worker Drug Tests

Plan would use hair, sweat, saliva to screen for illegal narcotics use

WASHINGTON | The hair, saliva and sweat of federal workers could be tested for drug use under a new government policy proposed Tuesday that eventually will set a standard for private companies.

The planned changes, long sought by the testing industry, reflect government efforts to be more precise in its drug screening and to bypass attempts to cheat on urine-based tests. The testing of hair, saliva and sweat will not be required, but would be available as an option to government agencies that screen workers and job applicants.

The agency is soliciting public comment on the plan for the next 90 days. A final rule would be issued afterward.

About 400,000 federal workers, such as those who have security clearances, carry firearms, are involved in national security or who are presidential appointees, are tested when they apply for jobs. Some are subject to random drug testing during their employment.

But because standards are followed by regulatory agencies which conduct testing in industries they oversee, SAMHSA's action affects about 6.5 million of the 40 million workplace drug tests done each year by U.S. employers.

Some businesses have already adopted alternative testing, despite criticism by privacy advocates. But others have held back, partly awaiting government standards.

LEIGH STROPE (AP)

Tougher tests: How the new tests would be conducted and reaction from federal employees to the proposal | The Washington Post's Federal Page, A Section

HEARSAY | IRAQ

"They are the ones whose advice we follow on these things ... and they will get what they need."

—**DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD** COMMENTING TUESDAY ON A REPORT THAT COMMANDERS IN IRAQ MAY ASK FOR MORE TROOPS IF VIOLENT UPRISINGS CONTINUE TO GROW IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY.

Bush Pitches New Education Programs

EL DORADO, ARK. | President Bush advocated sweeping changes Tuesday to a $1 billion federal program that provides training in vocations like car repair and health care, fast-growing fields that require workers to bring increasing sophistication into the workplace.

Bush also called for creation of $5,000 grants for poor students who emphasize math and science in their studies. He would pay for the $100 million annual program by imposing new restrictions on Pell Grants and by tapping private foundations.

The president proposed requiring high-school seniors in every state to take national math and English tests that are mandated only for fourth- and eighth-graders today.

"We're creating new jobs," Bush said. "The question is, are people going to be prepared to fill those jobs?"

The proposals came as Democrat John Kerry focused on job-creation during a visit to Ohio. Kerry said 1.84 million jobs have been lost since Bush took office, and he renewed his pledge to create 10 million jobs. The economy gained more than 300,000 jobs last month. SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

Allergies?

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'No Fly' Roster Assailed

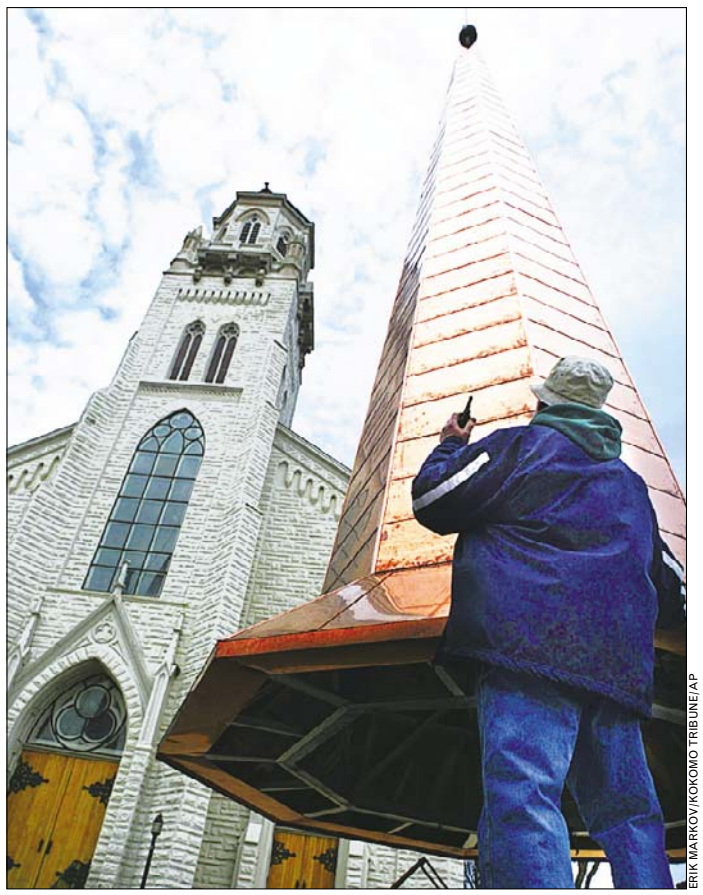
Effort to ban certain people from traveling is illegal, ACLU says

WASHINGTON | A retired minister, a college student and a member of the military are among those involved in the American Civil Liberties Union's challenge to the list of travelers that the government has barred from flying because they're considered a threat.

The ACLU filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Seattle on Tuesday, claiming the government's "no-fly list" violates airline passengers' constitutional protection against unreasonable searches and seizures and their right to due process.

Mark Hatfield, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, which oversees the list, said he couldn't comment on the case but is confident the "no-fly" list is legal. (AP)

NEW ADDITIONS | A FRESH POINT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THIS IS THE STEEPLE: Bob Connolly steadies a steeple held by a crane Tuesday before it was raised to the top of St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, Ind. The steeple, made with an aluminum frame and a copper skin, weighs about 2,500 pounds and is the third to be used by the 139-year-old church.

BY THE NUMBERS: About 47% of Massachusetts voters would back a state constitutional proposal banning gay marriage but allowing same-sex civil unions, while 47% would oppose it, according to a University of Massachusetts poll. (AP)

Study: Half of U.S. Adults Don't Practice Safe Sex

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. | Most people believe they do what's necessary to protect themselves, but nearly half don't use protection when engaging in sex, according to a new study.

"What surprised us and distressed us is the fact that so many young adults believe that they are not at risk of a sexually transmitted disease and they don't believe that their sexual partner is at risk," said Dr. James Allen, president of the American Social Health Association and a former assistant U.S. surgeon general. "They don't talk with their partner about whether they may or may not be at risk. So they're simply making assumptions."

The survey questioned 1,155 people between the ages of 18 and 35. The study has an error of margin of plus or minus 3 percent.

About 84 percent believed they adequately protected themselves against sexually transmitted diseases. Nearly half — 47 percent — of the respondents never used protection for vaginal sex. Eighty-two percent never used protection for oral sex and 64 percent never used protection for anal sex, according to the study.

More than two-thirds — 68 percent — had little worry about contracting a STD. (AP)

Frequent Sex Might Lower Risk Of Prostate Cancer

CHICAGO | Contrary to some research, frequent sexual activity does not increase the risk of developing prostate cancer and might even reduce the danger, a study of nearly 30,000 men found.

The study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, involved 29,342 health professionals ages 46 to 81 who were asked about their ejaculations in their 20s, 40s and during the previous year, 1991. During about eight years of follow-up, 1,449 men developed prostate cancer.

On average, the men overall had four to seven ejaculations a month. No increased risk of prostate cancer was seen in men who reported more frequent ejaculations, and there appeared to be a decreased risk in men with the highest reported levels. (AP)

In Brief

GREAT BRITAIN

Blair to Visit D.C. Next Week

Prime Minister Tony Blair is due in Washington late next week to meet with President Bush about the situation in Iraq and the Middle East, U.S. officials said. The two leaders' last meeting was in November, when Bush traveled to Britain and paid a visit to Blair's home in Sedgefield in rural northeast England. (AP)

JORDAN

8 Sentenced to Death for Murder of U.S. Aid Worker

Eight al Qaeda-linked militants were convicted and sentenced to death Tuesday in the murder of Laurence Foley, an administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development who was gunned down outside his Amman home in October 2002. Six of those convicted remain at large, however — including Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian terror chief who is suspected of building a network of foreign militants in Iraq on behalf of al Qaeda. (AP)

PERU

President Ordered to Pay 5% of Salary to Daughter

A judge ordered President Alejandro Toledo to pay 5 percent of his salary to support a teenager he has acknowledged is his daughter, the girl's mother said Tuesday. Lucrecia Orozco filed a claim in a provincial court seeking 60 percent of Toledo's $8,400 monthly salary, alleging he often failed to make child support payments on time. Orozco said Tuesday the 5 percent payment was too low and she would appeal. (AP)

IRAN

Iran Agrees to Disclose How It Acquired Nuke Materials

Bending to pressure to come clean, Iran on Tuesday pledged to reveal all it knows on how it acquired highly enriched uranium and other components that could be used to make nuclear arms. The offer is part of Iran's "road map" committing it to meeting deadlines on disclosing information demanded by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency. IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said Iran would also deliver a complete dossier on its present and future nuclear activities by the end of April. (AP)

U.S. Troops Push Deep Into Fallujah

Forces target city where 4 Americans were slain, mutilated

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | In a narrow alley, Marines pinned down by a hail of guerrilla fire sent up red smoke in a cry for help. Tanks pounded shell after shell into houses, while troops on the city's edge crawled forward on their bellies, firing on insurgents.

U.S. forces faced a tough urban battle Tuesday in their drive to pacify one of Iraq's most dangerous cities. Block by block, they fought their way into Fallujah, where guerrillas killed four U.S. civilians and a mob mutilated their bodies last week.

During the day, U.S. forces made their deepest incursion since the siege of the city began Monday. Troops in Humvees and on foot pushed into central neighborhoods, trading fire with gunmen before pulling back from the furthest points before dark, witnesses said.

After nightfall, troops held a swath of several blocks in one corner of the city of 200,000, Marine Maj. Briandon McGolwan said.

McGolwan said U.S. troops had captured 14 insurgents since Monday. Asked how long it would take to seize the whole city, he replied: "As long as it takes."

During the battle, U.S. forces called out a weapon rarely used against the guerrillas: the AC-130 gunship, which lays down a barrage of heavy machine gun fire.

Tuesday evening, U.S. planes firing rockets destroyed four houses in two neighborhoods, witnesses said. The strike killed 26 Iraqis, including women and children, said Rafie al-Issawi, a doctor at Fallujah General Hospital. The deaths brought the total number of Iraqi dead on Tuesday to 34, according to the hospital's count. (AP)

MOHAMMED KHODOR/REUTERS

BEARING AWAY THE DEAD: Iraqis carry the body of a man killed during a U.S. helicopter gunship strike in Fallujah on Tuesday.

From the frontline: Discuss the latest news from Iraq with Post foreign correspondent Sewell Chan, live from Baghdad | 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

SHIITES ENGAGE ALLIES

➜ **British troops** killed 15 Iraqis in clashes in the mostly Shiite cities of Basra and Amarah over the last 48 hours, officials said.

➜ **One Ukrainian soldier** was killed and five wounded Tuesday when their patrol was attacked in the Shiite city of Kut.

➜ **Italian troops** clashed with Shiite militiamen in Nasiriyah, killing 15 Iraqis, an official said.

Lithuanian Leader Ousted in Wake of Corruption Probe

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA | Lawmakers ousted Lithuania's scandal-ridden president Tuesday for abuse of office, ending the Baltic state's worst political crisis since gaining independence from Moscow.

Parliament passed all three accusations against President Rolandas Paksas: that he illegally arranged citizenship for one of his chief financial backers, businessman Yuri Borisov; that he divulged state secrets; and that he used his office for financial gain.

The accusations stemmed from Borisov's $400,000 contribution to Paksas's campaign last year. Paksas then helped Borisov get Lithuanian citizenship, since revoked.

The charge of divulging state secrets was tied to Paksas's apparent warning to Borisov that he was being watched by security agents.

Parliament Speaker Arturas Paulauskas is now acting president. New elections will be held within 60 days. LIUDAS DAPKUS (AP)

Paksas greets supporters in Vilnius.

China Uses Heavy Hand In Hong Kong's Affairs

Ruling says territory must get Beijing's OK before changing laws

HONG KONG | China dampened Hong Kong's hopes for full democracy Tuesday, saying the territory must get Beijing's permission before trying to change the way it selects its leader and lawmakers.

The Chinese government's National People's Congress issued the ruling in an interpretation of the Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution. The Basic Law holds out full democracy as a goal in Hong Kong but sets no timetable.

"A locality has no fixed power," said Qiao Xiaoyang, deputy secretary-general of the NPC's Standing Committee. "All powers of the locality derive from the authorization of the central authorities."

After 150 years as a British territory, Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997 with guarantees of considerable autonomy for 50 years under an arrangement called "one country, two systems."

Pro-democracy figures charged that Hong Kong's guaranteed autonomy had been shredded by the mainland's rubber-stamp lawmakers, who met in secrecy.

Hong Kong officials acknowledged the public wants reforms and pledged to explore possibilities that would meet Beijing's approval. But critics were doubtful and predicted Hong Kong might be headed for more political turbulence. (AP)

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Budget Impasse Remains

Va. House committee tables 2 tax plans and kills another proposal

RICHMOND, VA. | Presented with three options for raising taxes and narrowing a lingering budget impasse with the Senate, the House's tax-writing Finance Committee tabled two of the measures and killed another outright Tuesday.

The move bewildered Democratic and Republican delegates who returned to the Capitol for the first time in a week believing the full House would be allowed to vote on a modest tax increase. The decision left the long-stalemated budget talks in limbo.

"I thought we were going to report something out," Finance Committee Chairman Harry J. Parrish said. One of the tabled bills was a measure he sponsored that would have generated about $1 billion in additional revenue.

The bill — now dormant but able to be revived at any time — features a modest sales tax increase as part of a two-year, $972 million revenue package.

The panel also voted 13-8 to table Del. Robert D. Orrock's bill to simply boost the sales tax by one-half cent, from 4 1/2 cents on the dollar to a nickel. The panel killed a proposal by Del. Phillip A. Hamilton to allow localities to increase their share of the state sales tax by a half-cent. (AP)

ZOO | A MONTH OF THEIR OWN

RON EDMONDS/AP

PEN PALS: Mei Xiang, left, and Tian Tian, the Smithsonian National Zoo's pair of giant pandas, frolic in their enclosure on Tuesday after D.C. officials declared that April is "Panda Month" in Washington.

Construction to Begin on Lincoln Circle

WASHINGTON | The National Park Service is set to begin an 18-month construction project on Lincoln Circle Drive and connecting roadways, officials announced Tuesday.

The $12.2 million project is to begin next week. It will be carried out in four phases, affecting different areas of the circle and connecting roadways through the fall of 2005.

Alexa Viets, National Mall and Memorial Parks transportation planner, said the project has been designed to ensure that two lanes of traffic are open in both directions during most of the work.

SANDY KOZEL (AP)

HEARSAY | METRO

"We're going to get rail within the next decade in the Dulles corridor."

—GERRY CONNOLLY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING HIS OPTIMISM ON WTOP RADIO THAT METRO WILL EXTEND ITS SERVICE TO TYSONS CORNER AND THEN TO DULLES AIRPORT.

Fighter-Jet Flybys Startle District

WASHINGTON | The sight of aircraft flying over the city with two fighter jets prompted a flurry of phone calls Tuesday to the Air National Guard and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Officials said the four aircraft took off from Andrews Air Force Base around noon on a photography mission.

FAA spokesman William Shumann said one of the aircraft looked like a commercial plane, which heightened concerns.

Public Affairs Specialist Lorenzo Parnell with the District of Columbia Air National Guard said one plane was being used to take photos of fighter jets for recruiting purposes. The photos will be used on recruiting posters, as well as for historical purposes.

MARIA YOUNG (AP)

False alarm: Post a message on Tuesday's flybys in Washington | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

The Lotteries

April 6

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-7-5 (white)
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Mid-day DC 4	7-8-5-3
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Hot Five	18-33-24-21-28

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-0-7
Evening Pick 3	2-7-9
Mid-day Pick 4	4-2-5-5
Evening Pick 4	0-6-3-7
Match 5	2-7-25-30-38 Bonus: 20

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	5-6-0
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-1-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-6-7-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-9-4-3
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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Money

In Brief

AEROSPACE

GE, Rolls Royce Win Boeing Contract for New 7E7 Planes

Boeing chose General Electric and Rolls Royce to supply the engines for its planned new 7E7 Dreamliner airplane. The contracts could be worth a total of $40 billion, said Paul Nisbet, an analyst with JSA Research. The 200-plus passenger jet will replace Boeing's older 757 and 767 airplanes. It is expected to fly in 2008. (AP)

MEDIA

Murdoch's News Corp. to Move Headquarters to U.S.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. will move its home base from Australia to the United States by the end of the year, the company announced Tuesday. The media conglomerate, which was founded more than 50 years ago in Murdoch's native Australia, generates more than 75 percent of its revenues and profits in the United States. (AP)

RETAILERS

Spiegel Puts Eddie Bauer On the Block After Deal Fails

The Spiegel Group is looking for a buyer for its Eddie Bauer clothing and home furnishing business after German billionaire Michael Otto was unable to reach a deal to retain control of the company, a Spiegel spokeswoman said Tuesday. The Spiegel Group filed for Chapter 11 protection in March 2003. (AP)

Watchdogs Slam Google's 'Gmail'

Groups say free e-mail that serves up ads is a violation of privacy

SAN FRANCISCO | Google Inc. hails its new e-mail service as a breakthrough in online communication, but consumer watchdogs are attacking it as an invasion of privacy that threatens to set a troubling precedent.

Although Google's free "Gmail" service isn't even available yet, critics already are pressuring the popular search-engine maker to drop its plans to electronically scan e-mails so it can distribute relevant ads alongside incoming messages.

"Consumers really need to look this gift horse in the mouth because it has rotten teeth and bad breath," said Beth Givens, director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse. It has a "definite creepiness factor," added Ari Schwartz of the Center for Democracy and Technology.

Google portrays the commercialization of e-mail as a small tradeoff for a service that will give each user one gigabyte of storage — up to 500 times more than other leading free services — and provide a quicker way to search e-mailboxes. Most e-mail messages opened on Gmail won't even contain ads, according to Google.

"We are not going over to the dark side," said Wayne Rosing, Google's vice president of engineering. "Consumers can expect us to treat their e-mail as private and with a great deal of respect."

MICHAEL LIEDTKE (AP)

Tyco Letter Writer Offers Explanation

NEW YORK | The author of a letter that contributed to the mistrial in the Tyco case told police he thought a mistrial already had been declared when he wrote it, a police official told the AP on Tuesday.

The signed letter expressed anger at juror Ruth Jordan for appearing to favor the acquittal of two executives charged with looting Tyco International. The communications prompted Justice Michael Obus to declare a mistrial Friday in the six-month case, citing outside influences on the jury.

The letter is under court seal. News organizations asked Obus Monday to release transcripts and other materials from the proceedings that led to the mistrial. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GpoTMM A	3.05	+.33	+12.1
Weider	5.24	+.50	+10.5
FalconPd h	3.30	+.30	+10.0
AlskAir	27.01	+1.76	+7.0
AREst	17.00	+1.10	+6.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GettyRlty	22.95	-2.07	-8.3
AsdEstat	7.76	-.69	-8.2
HltCrREIT	34.37	-3.08	-8.2
SovranSS	36.45	-3.27	-8.2
SaulCntr	26.95	-2.35	-8.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dynacq	9.14	+3.71	+68.3
FstVirtl rs	3.91	+1.58	+67.8
HallKin	4.09	+1.03	+33.7
VisionSci	4.66	+.92	+24.6
MinutInt	13.30	+2.16	+19.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ForbesMd	3.33	-3.73	-52.9
Brooktrt	13.25	-9.12	-40.8
CritPath rs	3.42	-1.66	-32.7
AmBldgCtl	2.40	-1.09	-31.2
Omnicell	14.70	-5.76	-28.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.94
2-year	1.84	1.62
10-year	4.15	3.90
30-year	5.00	4.81

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5437	.5504	.6403
Canadian Dollar	1.3085	1.3123	1.4719
European Euro	.8269	.8319	.9316
Japanese Yen	105.69	105.05	119.90
Mexican Peso	11.1650	11.1450	10.7320
Taiwanese Dollar	32.98	32.95	34.81

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+12.44	-19.22	-2.41
+0.12	-0.92	-0.21
10570.81	2059.90	1148.16

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	43.43	+.01	-7.3
Comcast	29.81	+.04	-9.1
Comc sp	28.77	+.07	-8.1
CoxCom	31.70	-.28	-8.0
Disney	26.59	+.09	+14.0
Fox Ent	28.40	-.27	-2.6
Gannett	91.00	+.01	+2.1
GTelevsa	47.49	+.25	+19.1
LibtyMA	11.31	+.17	-4.9
LibtyMB	12.07	...	-12.5
NewsCorp	37.43	+.55	+3.7
Thomson	32.36	+.34	-10.7
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Sports

UConn. Returns As No. 1

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun held the national championship trophy above his head and greeted about 200 fans gathered at the airport to welcome home the Huskies from San Antonio.

"This trophy, this championship, these guys, it would mean nothing without you," Calhoun said.

Gov. John G. Rowland shook the hand of each player as they deplaned at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks.

Calhoun instructed his team to walk along the chain-link fence that separated the tarmac from the fans, many of whom reached through with scraps of paper for their heroes to sign.

Cheryl Therian, 49, of Windsor, closed her florist shop early to await the team's arrival. "Oh yeah, this is much more important," she said.

The team then boarded buses for the trip to campus and a planned pep rally. The Department of Transportation had already placed a sign on Interstate 84 near the exit for the Storrs campus commemorating the title. NOREEN GILLESPIE (AP)

Championship: Get results of the UConn.-Tennesse women's title game | washingtonpost.com/sports

FANS GONE WILD | UCONN. FLIPS OVER VICTORY

STEVE MILLER/AP

EXPLOSIVE SITUATION: Students in Storrs, Conn., flipped over a car and set off fireworks in the vehicle's taillight early Tuesday as part of a raucous celebration of the University of Connecticut's victory Monday over Georgia Tech in the NCAA Championship game. Police said 35 people were arrested after a dozen fires were set and two cars were overturned.

Capitals' Dismal Season Yields Top Pick in Draft

PRO HOCKEY | Something finally went right for the Washington Capitals: They won the NHL's draft lottery.

The Capitals, coming off their worst season in 26 years, leaped ahead of Pittsburgh and Chicago to gain this year's No. 1 overall draft pick at Tuesday's lottery in New York.

The consensus prospect for the top selection is Russian forward Alexander Ovechkin, who has evoked comparisons to Pittsburgh great Mario Lemieux.

The Capitals, considered playoff contenders at the start of the season, traded away most of their impact players after a disappointing start and finished with the third worst record in the league.

Pittsburgh will choose second, Chicago third, Columbus fourth and Phoenix fifth.

The draft is June 26-27 in Raleigh, N.C. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) Kurt Ainsworth leads the Orioles in game No. 3 in a series against the Red Sox.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Roger Clemens makes his National League debut when the Houston Astros face the San Francisco Giants.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on ESPN) No. 1 seed Detroit hosts Nashville in the first game of the Western Conference quarterfinals.

PRO HOCKEY (10 p.m. on ESPN2) Colorado will be without Paul Kariya when it hosts Dallas in the first game of their playoff series.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The Washington Wizards visit the Milwaukee Bucks.

Schilling Dominates O's In First Start With Sox

BASEBALL | Curt Schilling's debut with the Boston Red Sox was worth the wait.

Schilling allowed one run in six innings and Kevin Millar homered, leading the Red Sox past the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 Tuesday.

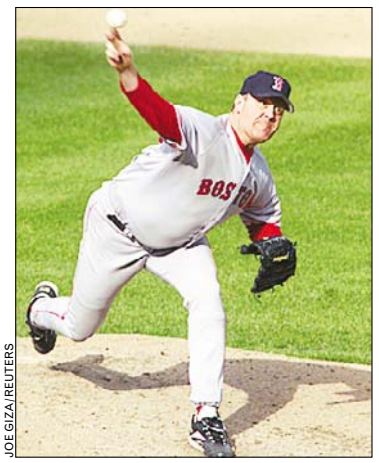
It was the first win with the Red Sox for manager Terry Francona, and Lee Mazzilli's initial loss as manager of the Orioles.

Boston's decision to pick Schilling in the 1986 amateur draft finally paid off — 18 years later. Obtained in a trade with Arizona in November, the right-hander got the Red Sox back on track following Sunday's opening-night loss to Baltimore.

The victory enabled Boston to avoid its first 0-2 start since 1996 and kept the Red Sox from falling two games under .500 for the first time since April 9, 2000.

Schilling (1-0) yielded six hits, struck out seven and walked one in earning his second career victory in the AL — the first since 1990, when he was with the Orioles.

Alan Embree and Mike Timlin each worked one inning and Keith Foulke got three outs for his first save with Boston.



JOE GIZA/REUTERS

Curt Schilling struck out seven Orioles batters in Boston's 4-1 win Tuesday.

Baltimore starter Eric DuBose (0-1) allowed three runs and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Familiar Foes Ready For NHL Playoff Push

PRO HOCKEY | If you ask the Philadelphia Flyers and New York Islanders, this is the playoff year that history won't be repeated.

The Boston Bruins would be thrilled to hear that as they prepare to face the Montreal Canadiens in the Eastern Conference's rivalry-filled first round.

Boston, the No. 2 seed, embarks on its 30th playoff series with the Canadiens, starting Wednesday. The Bruins have won only seven previous meetings and are determined to get past the Canadiens, who eliminated them two years ago when Boston had the East's top record.

For the third straight year, the Islanders are in the playoffs, but they haven't gotten out of the first round since 1993. They are seeded eighth for the second straight year, but think they can advance against the No. 1 Tampa Bay Lightning after taking the season series 3-1.

The Flyers are facing a familiar foe in the Stanley Cup champion Devils. The teams, which have finished first or second in the Atlantic for six of the past seven seasons, met twice previously in the playoffs.

The Devils won both matchups in the conference finals, including in 2000 when they rallied from a 3-1 series deficit. IRA PODELL (AP)

THE MATCHUPS

East

- **Tampa Bay** vs. N.Y. Islanders
- **Boston** vs. Montreal
- **Philadelphia** vs. New Jersey
- **Toronto** vs. Ottawa

West

- **Detroit** vs. Nashville
- **San Jose** vs. St. Louis
- **Vancouver** vs. Calgary
- **Colorado** vs. Dallas

BY THE NUMBERS: The St. Louis Blues, seeded seventh in this year's Western Conference playoffs, are playing in the National Hockey League's postseason for the 25th consecutive season. (AP)

Sports

Monaco Knocks Off Real Madrid

SOCCER | Monaco shocked nine-time European champion Real Madrid 3-1 Tuesday to advance to the semifinals of the Champions Cup on away goals, while Chelsea eliminated London-rival Arsenal in the other quarterfinal.

Ludovic Giuly scored the series-decider for Monaco, which trailed the Spanish champions 4-2 after the first leg.

Wayne Bridge was the hero for Chelsea, which topped English Premier League leader Arsenal 2-1 to advance 3-2 on aggregate. Monaco will host Chelsea in the first leg of the semifinals on April 20.

On Wednesday, Deportivo de La Coruna faces defending champion AC Milan and Lyon takes on FC Porto in the other quarterfinals. (AP)

PATRICK GARDIN/AP

Monaco's Fernando Moriantes reacts after scoring his second goal Tuesday.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
Y-New Jersey	45	31	.592	—	4-6	32-16
Miami	38	39	.494	7.5	8-2	26-23
New York	36	41	.468	9.5	6-4	28-21
Boston	35	42	.455	10.5	6-4	23-26
Philadelphia	32	45	.416	13.5	4-6	22-27
Washington	24	53	.312	21.5	3-7	15-34
Orlando	19	58	.247	26.5	0-10	15-34

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
C- Indiana	56	21	.727	—	6-4	36-13
X-Detroit	50	27	.649	6	8-2	33-16
X-Milwaukee	39	38	.506	17	5-5	31-18
New Orleans	38	39	.494	18	3-7	27-23
Cleveland	32	44	.421	23.5	2-8	26-23
Toronto	30	46	.395	25.5	2-8	19-29
Atlanta	25	52	.325	31	4-6	16-33
Chicago	22	55	.286	34	4-6	18-31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Minnesota	54	24	.692	—	8-2	30-18
X-San Antonio	52	25	.675	1.5	8-2	30-17
X-Memphis	49	28	.636	4.5	7-3	28-20
X-Dallas	48	28	.632	5	6-4	29-17
Houston	42	34	.553	11	3-7	18-28
Utah	41	37	.526	13	7-3	24-24
Denver	40	37	.519	13.5	5-5	26-21

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
X-Sacramento	53	23	.697	—	4-6	30-17
X-L.A. Lakers	53	24	.688	0.5	9-1	28-19
Portland	39	37	.513	14	6-4	20-26
Seattle	35	42	.455	18.5	6-4	20-27
Golden State	34	42	.447	19	8-2	20-26
L.A. Clippers	27	51	.346	27	0-10	13-35
Phoenix	26	51	.338	27.5	4-6	13-34

Standings through April 5; Y-Clinched division. X-Clinched playoff berth; C-Clinched conference.

✣ **Scoreboard:** Get a complete recap of Tuesday's baseball games, as well as NBA action and the NCAA championship game | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
C-Tampa Bay	46	22	8	6	106	245	192
Atlanta	33	37	8	4	78	214	243
Carolina	28	34	14	6	76	172	209
Florida	28	35	15	4	75	188	221
Washington	23	46	10	3	59	186	253

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Philadelphia	40	21	15	6	101	229	186
X-New Jersey	43	25	12	2	100	213	164
X-N.Y. Islanders	38	29	11	4	91	237	210
N.Y. Rangers	27	40	7	8	69	206	250
Pittsburgh	23	47	8	4	58	190	303

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Boston	41	19	15	7	104	209	188
X-Toronto	45	24	10	3	103	242	204
X-Ottawa	43	23	10	6	102	262	189
X-Montreal	41	30	7	4	93	208	192
Buffalo	37	34	7	4	85	220	221

WESTERN CONFERENCE

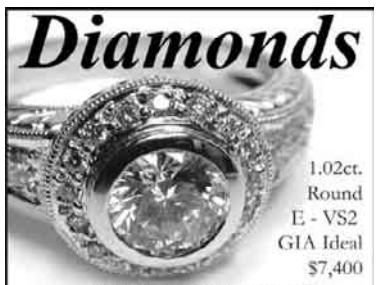
CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
C-Detroit	48	21	11	2	109	255	189
X-St. Louis	39	30	11	2	91	191	198
X-Nashville	38	29	11	4	91	216	217
Columbus	25	45	8	4	62	177	238
Chicago	20	43	11	8	59	188	259

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Vancouver	43	24	10	5	101	235	194
X-Colorado	40	22	13	7	100	238	198
X-Calgary	42	30	7	3	94	200	176
Edmonton	36	29	12	5	89	221	208
Minnesota	30	29	20	3	83	188	183

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-San Jose	43	21	12	6	104	219	183
X-Dallas	41	26	13	2	97	194	175
Los Angeles	28	29	16	9	81	205	217
Anaheim	29	35	10	8	76	184	213
Phoenix	22	36	18	6	68	188	245

Final league standings; C-Clinched conference; Y - Clinched division; X-Clinched playoff spot.

Diamonds



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Cars

Good Looks and Brains, Too

Crammed with gizmo goodness, this BMW is smarter than you

TEST DRIVE | BMW's numerologists named its new GT coupe and convertible 645Ci, but 90210 would have sufficed, for if ever there were a car aimed at Beverly Hills' sunshine-loving, pink-in-the-pate pashas, this is it.

Beautiful, fast, gorged on technology, mostly savant with a dash of idiot thrown in, the BMW 645Ci convertible is an objective correlative for Hollywood itself, a splendid bit of sun-drenched solipsism.

SMART CAR: The BMW 645Ci contemplates the mystery of fresh, flowing water.

In terms of sheer technological tonnage, the Bimmer — obsessively equipped with several pages worth of features and conveniences (adaptive headlights and taillights?) — outpoints its rivals handily.

This is a serious car, and that intensity is conveyed in the car's face. The headlamp assemblies, with the turn-indicator LEDs banded across the top, make the car look heavy-lidded, with an air of casual menace. The triangular frames around the fog lights turn down at the corners as if the car's chin were set in defiance. You are about to be passed ... oh, nevermind, it's ahead of you already.

The business end of the 6-series is BMW's 4.4-liter V8, producing 325 horsepower and 330 pound-feet of torque. This all-aluminum, dual-overhead cam engine dispenses with conventional throttle bodies and instead modulates power through a complex synchronization of valve timing and lift and intake manifold geometry. Take it down to your local mechanic and watch his head explode.

2004 BMW 645CI CONVERTIBLE
ENGINE: 4.4-V8, 32-valve DOHC
WHEELBASE: 109.4 inches
HORSEPOWER: 325 at 6,100 rpm
TORQUE: 330 pound-feet at 3,600 rpm
WEIGHT: 4,189 pounds
LENGTH: 190.2 inches
MILEAGE:
PRICE AS TESTED: $85,195
BASE PRICE: $76,995

The 6-series has all the nerve endings and reactions of a BMW, but, because of its reliance on electronics, lacks the satisfying connectedness of previous cars; at times the fun of driving is lost in a kind of joystick numbness.

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The auto aftermarket is booming as folks customize like crazy

CUSTOMIZATION | The U.S. economy may be stuck in second, but the industry catering to the dreams of gear heads is roaring ahead in supercharged splendor.

Retail sales for the so-called automotive aftermarket rose 7.7 percent to a record $28.9 billion last year — moving more than twice as fast as the general economy — according to a report released Friday by the Specialty Equipment Market Association.

Most of the growth came in parts and accessories for sport compact cars, but companies that make $10 vinyl-flame decals to $3,000 turbochargers, and hundreds of parts in between, cashed in.

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DRIVEN: SEMA CEO Christopher Kersting checks out a 2003 Mustang Mach 1.

The association, known as SEMA, represents 5,300 aftermarket companies, about a quarter of which are clustered in car-crazed Southern California.

The Fast 'n' Furious crowd has created a hot new segment for aftermarket specialists for products ranging from custom seat covers to nitrous oxide injection systems designed to dramatically boost the horsepower of small car engines.

The popularity of SUVs reinvigorated the custom wheel market because the big vehicles can accept larger — and more pricey — wheels than other vehicles.

"The SUV customizing craze has been fueled by the vehicles' popularity with athletes, movie stars and the hip-hop crowd and their drive to be different," said Steve Kelley, vice president of sales and marketing at American Racing Equipment Inc. in Rancho Dominguez, Calif.

"Kids are spending a lot, but it's not just a kid market," said Kelley. "Older enthusiasts are better able to afford things like a $9,000 custom wheel and tire package and will put as much stuff on their cars as they can," he said.

That's been the case with Preston Schuster. The 53-year-old Fountain Valley, Calif., tire shop manager recently purchased a 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution, a $29,000 sport compact car. Then he spent $50,000 modifying it. It now has three DVD screens.

JOHN O'DELL (L.A. TIMES)

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Lookout

Death Becomes Him

A Japanese actor makes a living out of dying on camera

NICHES | Seizo Fukumoto has died 20,000 agonizing deaths. He's been gored by samurai and gunned down by gangsters. His bloodied body has slammed into trees, tumbled down stairs and crashed through sliding paper-and-wood doors.

As Japan's top "kirareyaku," which translates into "sliced-up actor," Fukumoto dies for a living. When Japanese directors need somebody to kill, he's the man they call.

"My job is to make the good guy shine," Fukumoto said in an interview. "The more spectacular my on-screen death, the better he looks."

Though he's highly respected by his fellow actors, and widely acknowledged by his peers as the best in the business, Fukumoto is virtually unknown to the public. At 61, he has no agent or publicist, and his bit parts in films frequently fail to even make the credits.

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WATCHFUL EYE: Seizo Fukumoto, left, guards Tom Cruise in "The Last Samurai."

Still, Fukumoto is all over the screen — literally, at times.

For decades, the Japanese movie industry has been dominated by two genres: samurai period pieces and gangster movies. Both have lots of violence, bloody fights and high-profile killing, and that kept actors in Fukumoto's line of work busy.

But with film studios and TV networks opting increasingly for low-budget, modern dramas over feudal and gangster scripts, Fukumoto has found himself the practitioner of, well, a dying art.

"There are only a few other full-time actors like me left at Toei studios. When I joined, there were hundreds," he said.

Fukumoto got started when he was still a teenager. At 15, he left his rural home for a job in Kyoto at his uncle's rice shop, which he later quit when another relative found him a job as an extra at Toei, one of Japan's largest studios.

Eventually, he became a regular in dozens of samurai films and TV shows, playing villains because his high cheekbones, arched eyebrows and heavy eye shadow made him appear sinister.

In one movie after another, he met his maker.

Fukumoto reckons he's been killed more than 20,000 times — fans say it's at least twice that — in thousands of TV appearances and nearly 100 movies over his 45-year career. But he can't say for sure. Scripts often crammed in several killing scenes, which meant Fukumoto would die as one character and reappear later as another to get slain again.

After being scouted by a casting director, he appeared last year in the big-budget Hollywood movie "The Last Samurai" as the Silent Samurai, a taciturn warrior who shadows the former American Civil War captain, Nathan Algren, played by Tom Cruise.

Toward the end of the film, he sacrifices his own life to protect Algren — by throwing himself in front of a bullet.

Although he's rarely been seriously hurt, Fukumoto admits his rough-and-tumble profession has taken its toll.

"There have been times recently when I've fainted during a fight scene," said Fukumoto, who formally retired from Toei last year. "But I plan to keep working as long as directors keep casting me."

KENJI HALL (AP)

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Feather in His Cap

Billy Bob Thornton dons Davy Crockett's legend in 'The Alamo'

PLAYING HISTORY | Billy Bob Thornton will never forget the Alamo.

The actor was hoping to visit the historic site here a couple of days before the premiere of his new film, "The Alamo," when he was mobbed by fans.

"I just wanted to show my girlfriend the shrine, because she'd never been there. So we walked over and all of a sudden we were surrounded by people pointing and saying, 'Hey, it's Davy Crockett,'" said Thornton, who portrays Crockett in the movie.

It seems that the challenges of celebrity haven't changed much in 168 years. In his day, Davy Crockett supposedly wrestled an alligator and could whip his weight in wildcats.

In an early scene in the film, Crockett shows up at a Washington performance of a play based on his life and tips his hat to the onstage performer playing him. He later dons a coonskin cap when he's trying to use the "Davy Crockett" image to his advantage.

Crockett was a successful politician who traveled to Texas in the 1830s to explore the new frontier in hopes of seeking higher political office. He ended up serving alongside Jim Bowie (Jason Patric) and William Travis (Patrick Wilson) with a small regiment of Texans and Tejanos (Mexican-born Texans) who wanted to break from Mexico and form a republic.

They wound up in March of 1836 at the Alamo, a small fort in what is today San Antonio. They fought — and lost to — the bigger and better equipped Mexican army in one of the most momentous battles in American history. Their defeat was later avenged and "Remember the Alamo!" became a rallying cry.

Thornton said he identified with Crockett. "He was just a guy who liked people and was a storyteller and sort of a friendly guy," said the 48-year-old actor. "But at the same time, he had this sort of crazy edge to him. He perpetuated his own legend. And I guess that — I don't know if I've perpetuated mine so much, but people have done that for me — in that sense, I relate." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

JOANNA NEWCOMBE/BUENA VISTA PICTURES

THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE POLITICIAN: Billy Bob Thornton's Davy Crockett, right, consults with Juan Seguin (Jordi Molla).

Blondie in Need of a Touchup

MUSIC | Good news first: Deborah Harry, the peroxided lead singer of Blondie, has lost little with the years with "The Curse of Blondie" (Sanctuary). It's fun listening to her drift between a sexy, throaty growl and little-girl innocence. Madonna should age as well.

Her band, in a continued comeback, retains the musical adventurousness it had at its peak, opening this disc with a rap then a dance floor workout that recalls "Heart of Glass."

That's about it, though. The curse of Blondie, it seems, is the same one that afflicts many reformed bands — what was once effortless sounds labored, clunkiness has replaced grace. Attempts to update their sound with a tougher guitar attack only makes Blondie sound generic.

And while Harry may sound good, most of what she sings is complete crud. The chorus to "Shakedown" appears to be about hiding drugs in a body cavity. Ugh. "The Tingler" opens with this laughable couplet: "Fate points the finger, it's a double-barreled ringer."

The only promising direction that presents itself is riding "Good Boys" and reinventing themselves as a dance act/gay icon like Cher.

Nothing else is happening here. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

IT'S 11:59: Everything about New York's Blondie has aged well except the music.

Today's Top Stops

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Strong Stuff: The Distillers

1 We're into our second — or is it third? — wave of punk, but the energy is the same: loud, bellicose and confused. The Distillers' Brody Dalle sings as if her life depends on it, and the neo-punk outfit's anguished lyrics make it clear that her life just may depend on making music this cathartic.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8:30 p.m., $12; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Distillers' Brody Dalle easily stepped into the role of post-feminist punk god.

The Party After the Party: Ladies First Bash

2 You *do* have tickets to see the Ladies First Tour at MCI Center, mmkay? This *isn't* the first you're hearing about Beyonce, Alicia and Missy coming to your town, right? Whew. Don't forget Dream's Ladies First afterparties both nights of the tour.

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Entertainment

A Grand-Scale Return

Deborah Voigt was very publicly fired, and she's doing fine

BOUNCING BACK | Even for world-famous soprano Deborah Voigt, this is a big week.

Voigt makes her Carnegie Hall recital debut Wednesday night, one day after her first solo recording, "Obsessions," is released by EMI. Her acclaimed debut in Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde," recorded last spring in Vienna, is to be issued by Deutsche Grammophon next month in Europe and in June in the United States.

That's why she has mixed feelings about being dropped from Richard Strauss's "Ariadne auf Naxos," her signature role, by London's Royal Opera because the company wanted a singer who would "look right" in a black evening dress for its contemporary production.

"The timing of this couldn't be much better, quite frankly," Voigt said. "I've sort of been asking myself, would you have admitted this or brought attention to it had you realized that you would become international news? And I'm not really sure what the answer to that is yet."

Voigt is used to being judged by a scale — for musical notes, not weight. Covent Garden's decision, which Voigt called "hurtful," became an international music scandal last month, pushing the often-overlooked world of opera into public consciousness.

She thinks she knows why her problem struck a chord, so to speak, with so many.

"It's something that everyone can relate to." Voigt said. "I hate to break it to everyone, but most of the world doesn't look like the woman they've now engaged to sing Ariadne. Most of the women look closer to me."

RICHARD DREW/AP

Voigt, here in "Die Walkure" in New York earlier this year, is keeping busy.

In the music world, where many singers fight weight problems, it was astounding that Covent Garden would give up Voigt in favor of the relatively unknown Anne Schwanewilms.

Tenor Luciano Pavarotti, known for his big voice, big smile and big girth, was outraged.

"Although directors must have the freedom of allowing their vision of an opera to be realized ... we must also realize that we are first and foremost singers," Pavarotti said. "Voigt sings beautifully and is a great artist."

The 43-year-old Voigt, who was born in Wheeling, Ill., and now lives in Vero Beach, Fla., has battled a weight problem for much of her life.

"It's late-night eating, it's room service, it's all of that," she said.

"But, then again, I look at my life and I think, if this is your greatest burden to bear thus far, you're doing pretty well." RONALD BLUM (AP)

Today's TopStops

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Masked Ball: Mushroomhead Explodes

4 It's not that the guys pictured below don't want to be recognized, it's just that ... well, they're Mushroomhead. And when you're Cleveland's premier post-metal metal act — aggressive, melodic, theatrical — you have an image to keep up. They're playing with Dope, who show their faces but do this funky thing with their hair.

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Entertainment

Buckethead Throws Axl in Turmoil

THE ENDLESS SAGA | Guns N' Roses took one step forward and one step back last week, entering the national sales chart at No. 3 with "Greatest Hits" the same day singer Axl Rose announced that the beleaguered band was canceling plans to venture out in public again to headline the annual Rock in Rio festival in Lisbon.

This week will provide a better idea of which direction the GNR career pendulum is swinging with second-week figures on the Geffen Records hits collection, whose release Rose and two of his estranged former bandmates unsuccessfully tried to stop, claiming it was being released without their input.

Geffen officials countered that they wouldn't have released the album if Rose had delivered the long-promised album "Chinese Democracy," which has been in the works for seven years.

The May 30 Lisbon appearance, which would have been its first concert since an aborted 2002 tour, was called off because guitarist Buckethead quit.

Rose placed blame for the cancellation squarely on the guitarist, saying: "The band has been put in an untenable position by guitarist Buckethead and his untimely departure ..."

So Buckethead is history, right? Hang on.

"We greatly appreciate Bucket's contributions and remain open to 'discussions' as there are obviously several issues to resolve," Rose added.

And "Chinese Democracy"? "We hope," Rose said, "to announce a release date within the next few months." RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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STARSKY & HUTCH (PG–13) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:50)6:50
TAKING LIVES (R) (3:30)9:35
★ HOME ON THE RANGE (PG) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:00 2:00 4:10) 7:10 9:10
PASSION OF CHRIST (R) (1:00 4:00)7:00
★ HELLBOY (PG–13) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:40 3:40)6:40 9:40
★ PRINCE & ME (PG) (1:00 3:50)6:30 9:20
★ WALKING TALL (PG–13) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:20 2:40 4:50) 7:15 9:55
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GOOD BYE, LENIN! (R) (1:30 4:20)7:10 9:50
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SECRET WINDOW (PG–13) (DOLBY DIGITAL) (4:40)10:15
HIDALGO (PG–13) (DOLBY DIGITAL) (1:10)7:00
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Television

Sugar Ray's Sweet on TV

CROSSOVER ACTS | Sugar Ray is taking its act to the airwaves.

The rock band will participate in "On the Road," a competitive reality-style show for Spike TV, Sugar Ray singer Mark McGrath said on Monday.

"We thought what the world needs now is another reality show," McGrath joked. The show, set to air this summer, follows eight contestants who go on tour with Sugar Ray. They compete for a job with a music label and a new car.

"I describe it as 'The Apprentice' meets 'The Real World,'" McGrath said.

He said contestants learn the ropes of the music industry, from tuning guitars to promoting Sugar Ray's concerts. At the end of each episode, the band fires one person.

PETER MORGAN

'THE' MARK? McGrath hires and fires.

McGrath said each losing contestant will have to "walk the Walk of Shame," a term Sugar Ray uses for a band or crew member who brings a "paramour onto the bus for the night."

"When they leave, they have to take the 'Walk of Shame' to the front door," he said. "It can't be pretty."

The singer said the band's antics also will be featured.

"We've never had any concerns before about our reputation, why start now?" McGrath asked jokingly. (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

FIND OR FRAUD?

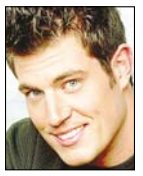
Liev Schreiber narrates "Science of the Shroud" on **SECRETS OF THE DEAD** (8 p.m., PBS), an examination of the controversial origins of the Shroud of Turin. For centuries, the faithful have been told this relic contains the bloodstains and very image of Jesus Christ. Recently scientists proved that the shroud was a product of medieval times. "Science" offers new theories that may date the shroud to a time closer to the time of Christ. Whatever the truth, it's fascinating stuff.

CARVED, PUMPED AND DUMPED

THE SWAN (9 p.m., Fox) Fans of vicarious sadism should enjoy this new series, which takes insecure, less than gorgeous gals and requires them to submit to plastic surgery and other indignities before applying to enter a beauty contest. And even after all of this mutilation and angst, some of them will still be rejected before a national audience.

HE CAN'T MEET HIS OWN CHICKS?

THE BACHELOR (9 p.m., ABC) The folks at ABC have really lost their minds. "Hey, guys, let's combine two of our most popular shows: 'Monday Night Football' and 'The Bachelor'." Hence the recruitment of New York Giants backup quarterback Jesse Palmer to date a bevy of beauties.



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CULT CHOICE

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW YORK (9 p.m., Lifetime) An unexpected natural calamity topples the Big Apple in this 1998 made-for-TV shocker. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

4.7.04		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC News	Hollywood	The Apprentice CC		Law & Order "Shrunk" CC		Law & Order "Darwinian"		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	American Idol (Live) CC		The Swan CC		News		Friends CC	Drew Carey
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	The Bachelor (Season Premiere) (N) CC				News CC	Nightline CC
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II (N) CC		King	The Stones	48 Hours Investigates (N)		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Moesha CC	The Hughleys	'70s Show	'70s Show	Star Trek: Enterprise CC		Star Trek: Enterprise CC		Seinfeld CC	Raymond	Dharma-Greg	Dharma-Greg
	WMPT 22	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Artworks	Secrets of the Dead (N)		"Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of-Kindertransport"				Mengele: The Final Account	
	WETA 26	BBC World	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Secrets of the Dead (N)		My Journey Home (N) CC				Charlie Rose (N) CC	
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	WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Smallville "Asylum" CC		Smallville "Viewers' Choice"		Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential CC		Amer. Justice		Biography "The Rock" CC		Amer. Justice		City Confidential CC		Third Watch CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Kidding	Animals	Most Extreme: Jumpers		Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Miami Animal Police (N)		Most Extreme: Jumpers	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET com	The Parkers	The Parkers	College Hill	I'm Living	Comicview		Nightly News	College Hill
	Bravo	(4:45) "The Graduate" 'PG'		The West Wing CC		Queer Eye for Straight Guy		Keen Eddie "Sucker Punch"		Keen Eddie CC		The West Wing CC	
	Comedy	Late Night CC		Daily Show	Mad TV "Holiday '98" CC		Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	South Park	Chappelle's	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	NYPD Blue CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Caught	I, Detective	Forensic	Psychic De	The System (N)		Caught Red-Handed	
	Discovery	Three Minutes to Impact		Justice Files CC		Monster Garage CC		RFK Assassination (N)		Seven Wonders Of... (N)		Monster Garage CC	
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics "Two Cities"		Diagnosis: Unknown		Curse of the Elephant Man		Humanimals: Makeovers		Diagnosis: Unknown	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★★ "The Thirteenth Year" (1999) CC			(:45) Recess	Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family
	E!	High Price of Fame "Out"		E! News (N)	Love Chain	Goldie & Kate: The E! True Hollywood Story CC				Celebrities Uncensored (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	(4:00) ★½ "Armageddon" (1998, Action)			★★½ "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Carl Weathers.					Nip/Tuck		★★½ "Predator" (1987)	
	HGTV	Building	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House	Dream House	New Spaces	Weekend	Mission	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	Home to Go	Restore
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven CC		★★½ "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	The St. Louis Arch CC		Chesapeake Bay Bridge		The Guilty Men: Review		Modern Marvels CC		Modern Marvels (N) CC		Bible's Greatest Secrets	
	Lifetime	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	★½ "At the Mercy of a Stranger" (1999) Joanna Kerns.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Made CC		Direct Effect CC		Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Famous Face	Famous Face	Made (Season Premiere) (N)		Band II	Band II
	NICK	U-Pick CC	Romeo! CC	Rugrats CC	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Danny Phan	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Prodigy" CC		★★ "Firestarter: Rekindled" (2002) Marguerite Moreau. An agent pursues a woman who starts fires with her mind.								Ultraviolet CC	
	SPIKE	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		★★ "Cheech & Chong's Next Movie" (1980) CC				Ride	Ride
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	★★ "Tango & Cash" (1989) (PA) Sylvester Stallone.			
	TLC	Clean Sweep CC		In a Fix "Bachelor's Mess"		What Not to Wear "John"		Trading Spaces: Home Free		Trading Spaces: Home Free		What Not to Wear "John"	
	TNT	Charmed CC		Law & Order "Born Again"		Law & Order "Asterisk" CC		★★ "The Winning Season" (2004) Matthew Modine. CC				★★ "The Winning Season"	
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger CC		JAG "Offensive Action" CC		Law & Order		Law & Order		Karen Sisco "No One's Girl"		Law & Order	
	VHI	I Love the '70s "1975" CC		I Love the '70s "1976" CC		100 Celeb Moments		100 Celeb Moments		100 Celeb Moments		Driven "Janet Jackson" CC	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		NHL Hockey Conference Quarterfinal Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced.					Fastbreak	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Trail Blazers			
	ESPN2	The Season		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Houston Astros. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						NHL Hockey: Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA			
	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (Live)						SportsNite	Wizards	Best Damn Sports Show	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	★★ "D.O.A." (1988, Suspense) Dennis Quaid. 'R' CC				★★★ "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" (1982) William Shatner. 'PG'					★★ "Conan the Destroyer" (1984) 'PG'		
	TCM	(5:30) MGM: When the Lion Roars (Part 3 of 3) CC				DeMille: American Epic		★★★ "The Crusades" (1935, Adventure) Loretta Young. Premiere. 'NR'					DeMille
	HBO	(5:30) "What a Girl Wants"		(:15) ★★★ "Solaris" (2002) George Clooney. 'PG-13' CC				The Sopranos CC		On the Record CC		Deadwood CC	
	MAX	★½ "Biker Boyz" (2003) Laurence Fishburne. 'PG-13'				★★★ "The Shape of Things" (2003) 'R'			MAX on Set	★½ "Dreamcatcher" (2003) Morgan Freeman. 'R' CC			
	SHO	(:15) ★★½ "Novocaine" (2001) Steve Martin. 'R' CC				★★★ "Bowling for Columbine" (2002) iTV. 'R' CC				Soul Food (iTV) (N) CC		The L Word	ReadyWr
	TMC	(:15) ★ "Chilly Dogs" (2001) Skeet Ulrich. 'PG-13' CC				★★½ "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13' CC					★★½ "Chinese Box" (1997) Jeremy Irons.		
	STARZ!	Squanto: Tale	(:20) ★★★ "Sling Blade" (1996) Billy Bob Thornton. 'R'				On the Set	★ "The Hot Chick" (2002) Rob Schneider. 'PG-13' CC				"Love the Hard Way" (2001)	
	ENCORE	Harry-Ton	★★½ "My Father, the Hero" (1994) 'PG'			★★½ "Serendipity" (2001) John Cusack.			★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002) 'R'			(:15) ★★ "Blue Crush" CC	

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Investigational Anti-HIV Medication Study

The NIH is conducting a research study of a new investigative anti-HIV medication being developed by the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline. It was found to be safe and well tolerated in healthy, HIV-negative adults. The NIH will be testing this medication on HIV-infected adults to study its effect on HIV, as well as its safety and tolerability. The study involves a hospital stay for close monitoring and several follow-up outpatient clinic visits. If you are 18 years of age or older, infected with HIV, have never taken anti-HIV medications or have been off of medications for three or more months, you may be eligible for this study. Other entry requirements include never having had a CD4+ cell count of less than 200 cells/mm^3 and a current HIV viral load between 5000 and 250,000 copies/mL. All participants are seen at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. Financial compensation will be provided.

For more information or to find out if you qualify, contact Mary DeGrezia, RN, ext. 4967040 or 301-496-7040

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MOMS

Life Isn't Fair, People

JENNIFER LOPEZ's mother won a $2.4 million jackpot while playing $1 slots at Atlantic City. Guadalupe Lopez, 58, of New York, was playing Wheel of Fortune at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa when she hit for

$2,421,291.76 just before 8 p.m. on Saturday, according to the casino. A casino spokesman denied knowing of any relationship between the jackpot winner and J.Lo. But Us Weekly and People magazine report in upcoming issues that Guadalupe Lopez is indeed Jennifer's mother. (AP)

SWEDES

Not Money, Money, Money

ABBA insists that it will not get back together again, ever. (The couples who made up the group's name — Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny, **ANNI-FRID** — are long divorced.) When they were offered $1 billion to reunite a few years ago, the super-Swedes said no. Even if that figure were doubled, they told Reuters recently, the answer would still be the same. "I think it is a bit too long now. We split up in 1981," Bjorn Ulvaeus told Reuters. "I cannot remember a whole lyric of any that I have written." (EXPRESS)

SKIRTS

License to Kilt

Hey everybody — it's National Tartan Week! To celebrate the land of haggis, out came the celebrity males in skirts. Among those showing more than a little leg at Sotheby's Dressed to Kilt charity fashion show on Monday were actor Sean Connery and **STONE PHILLIPS** of "Dateline NBC." The event benefited the Friends of Scotland, which, according to co-founder Sean Connery's personal Web site, exists "to create, stimulate, and sustain an interest in Scotland and its history, traditions, and culture." Hrm, whatever happened to helping orphans? (EXPRESS)

DIANE BONDAREFF/AP

MARRIAGES

Wallowing in Codependence

James Brown's wife says she loves her husband and wants to stay with him even though she has been asked to leave the singer's current Australian tour. **TOMI RAE BROWN** said she was asked to leave because of claims she was still married to another man when she wed Brown, who has a criminal domestic violence charge pending. She said reports that the January fight stemmed from her previous marriage were wrong. Even as the police arrived, she said she was focused on her husband,

whose frowsy mug-shot could've been avoided. "I tried to give the police a comb for him," she said. "I asked them to let me put him in some clean clothes. I asked them not to take the Godfather out looking like that." (AP)

MISCREANTS

Fodder for a Song, Surely

A bus driver from Tennessee transporting crew and equipment for a **BRITNEY SPEARS** concert tour led police on a brief pursuit Monday and later failed to appear in court on charges of speeding and disobeying police, authorities said. State police said a trooper attempted to stop the bus, which was going 78 mph in a 65 mph zone. Driver David Raines, 51, was eventually arrested but allowed to continue on to deliver the crew and equipment. Spears was not on the bus at any point. (AP)

FRED PROUSER/REUTERS

Though clean and sober, Mewes still wears clothing he bought while high.

FRIENDSHIPS

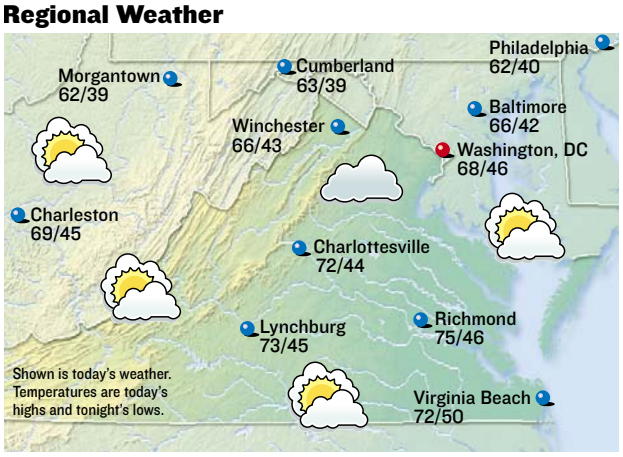
Kevin, You Enable Me

JASON MEWES, aka Jay in the "Jay and Silent Bob" movies, is celebrating one year of sobriety today. His pal, director Kevin Smith, says he thinks Mewes is off heroin, OxyContin and booze for good now. Even though Mewes, who lives with Smith and his wife, has had several relapses in the past, Smith doesn't think he'll have another slip. "He'll always be a drug abuser at heart," he said, "but he says right now in his life he just doesn't need it." (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Becoming mostly sunny and mild	Mainly clear	Turning cloudy with rain late	Partly sunny and breezy	Sunshine mixing with some clouds	Mostly cloudy with showers possible
68°	46°	60° / 45°	63° / 38°	56° / 41°	56° / 41°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	60°
Low	35°
Normal high	63°
Normal low	43°
Average humidity	27%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.32"
Normal month to date	0.57"
Year to date	7.04"
Last year to date	13.59"
Normal year to date	10.12"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

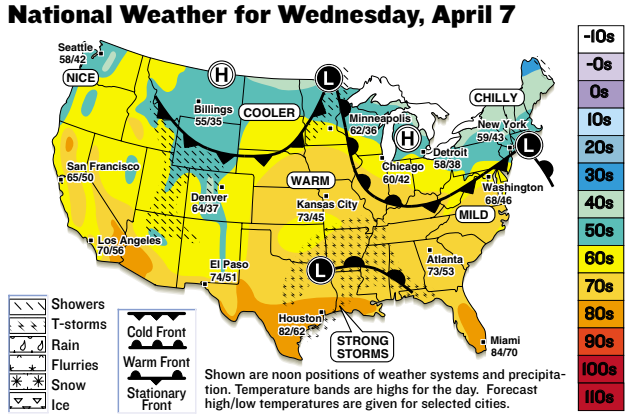
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy in the morning, increasingly sunny in the afternoon. High 68. Wind west to northwest 12-25 mph. Tonight, mainly clear.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:43 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:39 p.m.
Moonset today	7:59 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 11	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4

National Weather for Wednesday, April 7



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	73/53/pc	71/53/pc
Boston	54/38/pc	56/38/s
Chicago	60/42/pc	52/34/r
Dallas	74/56/t	74/58/pc
Denver	64/37/sh	56/36/sh
Honolulu	81/70/sh	83/71/pc
Los Angeles	70/56/s	72/56/s
Miami	84/70/pc	84/71/pc
New York City	59/43/sh	58/41/pc
Orlando	82/62/pc	84/62/t
Seattle	58/42/sh	62/42/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	45/31/sh	45/38/sh
Athens	65/51/s	68/54/pc
Berlin	48/33/sh	44/33/r
Buenos Aires	75/57/pc	75/59/pc
Calgary	66/36/pc	41/24/r
Dublin	49/37/pc	48/34/pc
Geneva	46/29/sh	46/33/sh
Moscow	45/25/pc	46/29/c
Rome	60/43/pc	60/43/pc
Sydney	74/47/pc	67/47/pc
Tokyo	67/50/pc	56/46/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I WAS VERY DISHEARTENED by the April 5 letter from Don Simmons expressing his reaction to Dan Miller's April 2 column "Call of the Child." In his letter, Mr. Simmons not only presents a personal attack on the columnist, but shockingly concludes that simply because Mr. Miller's views differ from his own, then perhaps the world might be a better place without him! This kind of intolerant thinking has no place in a civilized, diverse society.

—FRANK HIGGINS
Arlington, Va.

THE READER who on Monday attacked Dan Miller's column needs to lighten up. The letter's hostility proved just how much we all need a good laugh during the work week.

—BEN JOFFE
Fairfax, Va.

KUDOS TO METRO'S CEO Richard White for having a very realistic view of the Metro system's "death spiral" ("Dire Warnings From Metro CEO," April 1). However, I think his timeline is off. With the pending rate increase scheduled for June 27, I think many riders will abandon Metro altogether.

—TAMMY M. SENDELBACK
Washington, D.C.

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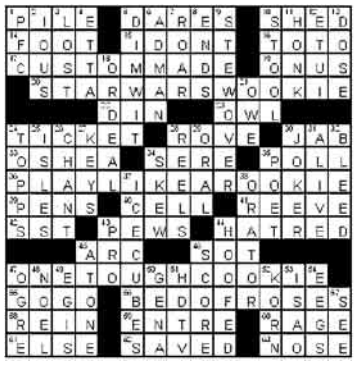
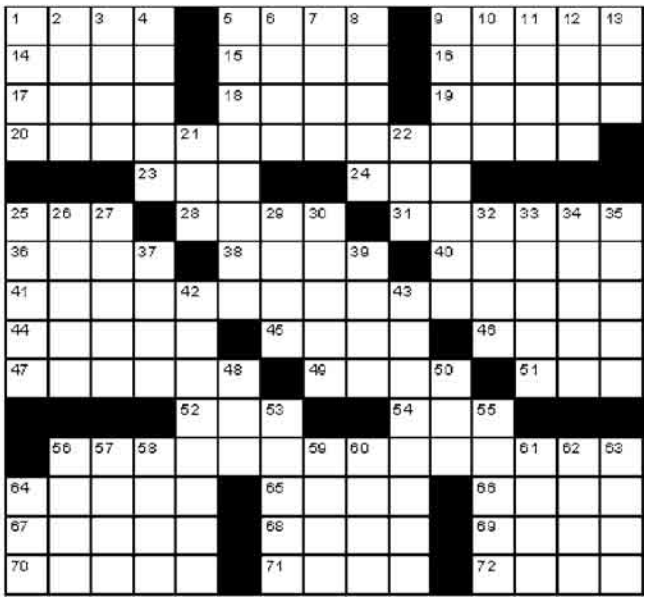


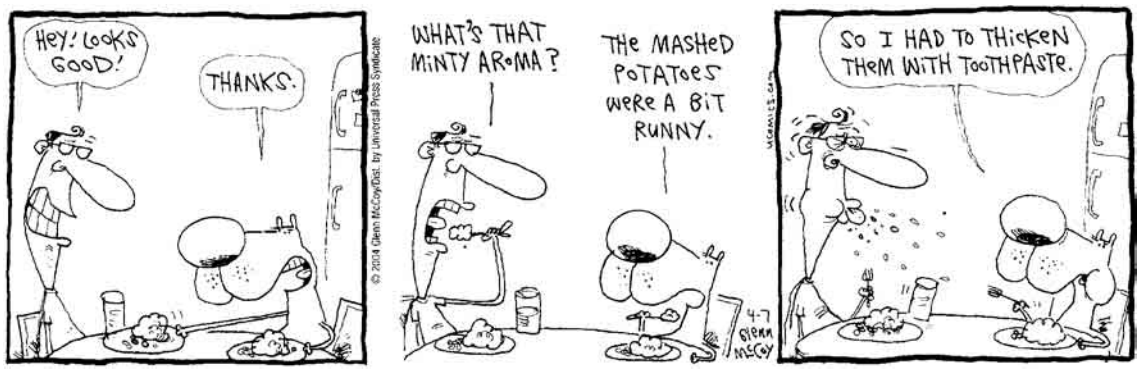
Crossword Puzzle: Progressive Thinking | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Prattles away
5 What Betty Grable was famous for
9 Heavy-footed dance
14 Type of exam
15 Award given by The Village Voice
16 Capital of Vietnam
17 Splashy party
18 "I couldn't ___ less!"
19 Fashionable necktie
20 Crude carrier for Popeye's girl?
23 Proverb
24 The "O" in NATO (Abbr.)
25 Word with hour or eater
28 Comedian Foxx
31 Passed around
36 Gardenia or lilac, e.g.
38 Continental cash
40 Flying solo
41 "L.A. Law" actress on a brief excursion?
44 One of the Four Hundred
45 Shakespearean instrument
46 Belgrade resident
47 Back breakers of sayings
49 Whale schools
51 Type of sauce
52 Ice cream scoop
54 Pooh's friend
56 Encore by a "Saturday Night Live" comedienne?
64 "Lonesome" George
65 Sportscaster Albert
66 "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
67 God of Islam
68 Fever and chills
69 Energy source
70 Record needles
71 Crystal ball gazer
72 "And Then There Were ___"

DOWN
1 Kind of dancer
2 Soviet salt lake
3 Indonesian island
4 Bulgars and Croats
5 Cattle drive hazard
6 Auction site
7 Little lady?
8 Be responsible for
9 Chinese metropolis
10 To-do list item
11 Not repeatedly
12 Scene of many a werewolf tale
13 Service area for Jeff Gordon
21 From whence to lug a jug
22 "___ Poetica"
25 Biblical lawgiver
26 21-year-old, by most accounts
27 Military response, sometimes
29 Slap aftermath
30 Desiccate
32 Setting for "The Sound of Music"
33 They're shown to a novice
34 Calendario starter
35 Kentucky attraction
37 Pro ___
39 German statesman von Bismarck
42 Capital of India
43 Oklahoma-Texas border
48 Doberman command
50 Part of the Holy Trinity
53 American felines
55 Arctic, for one
56 Big shock
57 In a competent manner
58 Patricia of "Hud"
59 Carry on
60 Test response, perhaps
61 She's deep
62 Bert Lahr role
63 Unconvincing, as an excuse
64 It makes an Impala run

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You must maintain tight control over all of your own affairs; once you begin to let down even a little, others will try to take over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll be the leader of the pack, but you won't want to ignore the advice of those who are following in your footsteps. Be democratic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll realize that you are in a position to enjoy the best of both worlds. What is most important to you will be very clear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're sensing a threat where there is none, and such unnecessary worry may actually sap your strength and prevent progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Once your pride is wounded you may have trouble recovering — so protect yourself. You can't afford a setback.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone else has what you most want, but you must take care and play your cards right if you expect to take possession before the day is out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — The day — and the week — will begin on a surprising note, leading you to believe that difficulty lies ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — With the help of someone in the know you can put yourself in a position to receive a great many rare and invaluable benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may be under more pressure as a result of a recently formed alliance, which may be attracting a great deal of scrutiny.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Better safe than sorry is an adage best left to the timid and squeamish — for you are feeling daring and bold and eager to experiment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Security and dependability are not to be taken lightly; you can provide both — but are you in a situation that can provide them?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are being too sensitive these days — and right now any kind of over-reaction could threaten your personal progress.

LIVE ONLINE

DVD Dish

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

JEN CHANEY, washingtonpost.com movies editor and DVD columnist, was online Tuesday to discuss the latest DVD releases.

Are there any plans for some sort of Coen brothers DVD box set?

I haven't heard anything about a Coen brothers box set, but it's a good idea. The problem with box sets, though, is that different studios distribute the individual movies. So instead of getting the absolute best of an actor or director's work, you may get a bit of a mish-mash.

I'm excited that the first season of "Northern Exposure" is coming out in May. Any other good, old series coming up?

A lot of cheesy '80s classics, like "The Dukes of Hazzard" and "The A-Team" are coming to DVD in June. Don't know if you were a fan, but "Party of Five" also comes out in May. And (please contain your excitement) "Punky Brewster" is coming June 1. It will be filled with many, very special episodes (because weren't all of the "Punky" eps special?).

Why is Fox taking so long to release "The Simpsons" DVDs?

Looks like the fourth season, which may be the best season of that show, is coming June 15. They've been putting out roughly one per year, so far. I think it takes a while for the "Simpsons" people to record all of the commentaries and put together the features that fans expect.

Is Paris Hilton out on DVD yet? I mean "The Simple Life," of course. Why, what did you think I meant?

I'm sure you could find a DVD of Paris Hilton's other starring role if you really wanted to. And by her other starring role, of course, I mean her cameo on NBC's "Las Vegas." As for "The Simple Life," that came out on DVD earlier this year, roughly two seconds after the series ended.

Today on Live Online

NOON: Post intelligence reporter Dana Priest talks about private security contractors in Iraq.

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